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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), applicant respectfully petitions for a two-month extension of time to file a Response to Restriction Requirement. The new time for filing such Response will be December 22, 2004, extended pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3875 for four hundred thirty dollars and no/100 (\$430.00) for the extension of time fee. An original plus two copies of this letter are enclosed for accounting purposes. If any other charges are incurred or credited, please charge the Deposit Account shown above.

Respectfully submitted,

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